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In re Application of Edward J. Gough, et al.

DECISION ON PETITION

Application No. 08/515,379 Filed August 15, 1995

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This is a decision on the petition received July 3, 1997, which is treated as a petition for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The petition is GRANTED.

This application was held abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee on or before February 28, 1997.

Formal drawings and Form PTOL-85B [ISSUE FEE TRANSMITTAL] were received via certificate of mailing dated February 18, 1997. Although the drawing sheets were processed and approved, Form PTOL-85B was overlooked by the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

The holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

As authorized, the issue fee in the amount of \$645 and \$30 for ten (10) advance order copies were charged to Deposit Account No. 23-2415.

The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) apologizes for the mishandling of the application and the delay in processing the petition for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment.

Application No. 08/515,379 will be forwarded to the Publishing Division to be processed into a patent.

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